

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This letter is responsive to the Office Action dated **March 27, 2003**. Under separate sheet of cover, applicant encloses a request for a one month extension of time.

At paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the drawings because of the following reasons: (a) defects listed on the attached PTO-948 form; and (b) Figure 1 should be designated by a legend such as -Prior Art—since only that which is old is illustrated. Applicant encloses herewith corrected drawings as requested by the Examiner.

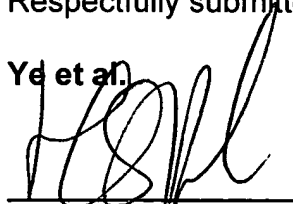
At paragraph 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to Claims 2 and 5-8 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicates that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended Claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of original Claim 2. Claims 3-8 depend from amended Claim 1. Furthermore, applicant has added new Claim 9 that incorporates the subject matter of original Claims 1, 3, 4 and 5. Additionally, applicant has added new Claims 10-12 (that correspond to original Claims 6-8) that depend from new Claim 9. As indicated by the Examiner, Amended Claim 1 and dependent Claims 2-8 and new Claim 9 and dependent Claims 10-12 contain allowable subject matter and are in condition for allowance.

For the reasons above, the Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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